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EUPATORIUM OCCIDENTALE **WESTERN BONESET**

Western Boneset is a rhizomatous perennial with clustered stems that are often woody at the base and 15-70 cm tall. The alternate leaves are triangular or ovate in outline and 2-7 cm long with toothed margins. The lower leaves are reduced and early deciduous. The lower leaf surfaces have small, unstalked glands. The flowering heads are borne in an open, branched inflorescence at the top of the stem. The involucrel bracts are 3-5 mm long and mostly equal in length. The heads lack ray flowers, and there are 9-21 purple or pink disk flowers in each head. The achene bears a tuft of numerous fine pappus bristles. Flowering in August.

This species could be confused with *BRICKELLIA GRANDIFLORA* or *SAUSSUREA AMERICANA*, but both of these have involucrel bracts in many rows of different lengths.